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Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references identified on the attached form PTO-1449, copies thereof being enclosed herewith.

United States Patent 4,799,126 to Kruse, et al., which is assigned to the assignee of the present invention, recognized that the fuse and circuit breaker panel concept of protection could be eliminated, thereby reducing the large number of individual circuit devices (i.e., fuses and circuit breakers) required to provide the protective function, and at the same time, freeing space because there is no longer a need for a separate panel.

Kato et al., United States Patent 5,856,711 provides a circuit interrupt device capable of being set for different current-time characteristics without physical modification of the device itself.

An action on the merits is requested.

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